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Classified By: DCM Susan L. Ziadeh, reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (S) Further to Assistant Secretary John Hillen's May 14 meeting with MFA Assistant Undersecretary for Coordination and Follow Up Shaikh Abdul Aziz bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and A/DCM's June 10 delivery of reftel Gulf Security Dialogue nonpaper, the MFA July 15 officially responded via diplomatic note.

¶2. (S) The MFA welcomes the proposal on the bilateral Gulf Security Dialogue and requests details regarding when talks may commence.

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Directorate of Bilateral Affairs
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain presents its compliments to the United States Embassy and with reference to the meeting between the Undersecretary of coordination and follow-up at the Ministry with Assistant Secretary of State Mr. John Hillen on May 14th, 2006, and who

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raised Secretary Rice's full support of having a bilateral Gulf Security Dialogue between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United States.

The Ministry would like to inform the US Embassy that it welcomes the proposal and would like to know when would be a suitable time to start discussions regarding this matter.

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